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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was originally opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board")in 2003 based upon receipt of information that "Jacobs Dental Center", owned by Hal J. Angeloff, D.M.D ("respondent"), located at 431 Kaighns Avenue, Camden New Jersey, was observed to be operating in an unsanitary and unsafe manner. As a result, investigators from the Enforcement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs, conducted an inspection of the premises on March 20, 2003. The investigation confirmed that the office was being operated in a unsanitary and unsafe manner. Following the inspection, respondent agreed to satisfactorily correct the unsafe and unsanitary office conditions.

On February 24, 2006, two investigators of the Enforcement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs conducted a reinspection of "Jacobs Dental Center". The inspection revealed that the hallways and stairs in the building were dirty, cluttered and poorly lit. The inspection also revealed that a large part of the ceiling in the office waiting area was missing and electrical wires were exposed in the ceiling. Most of the ceilings and many of the walls in the office were stained and there was dust and a film of dirt throughout the office. The water in the sinks was warm, not hot. Also, the inspectors noticed there was dirty water sitting in a bucket in the lavatory.

Additionally, the inspection revealed that respondent does not maintain a log indicating the dates when he has the autoclave test strips tested to ensure the accuracy of the autoclave. The box of test strips in the office had a hand-written expiration date of "6/98" on it. It was also observed that the medications in the emergency kit were outdated. Finally, upon request, respondent provided the last two tracking sheets concerning the medical waste disposal in the office. One



sheet was dated as having been mailed on February 12, 2002 and received on February 27, 2002. The second sheet was dated as having been mailed on August 13, 2003 and received on August 19, 2003, approximately two and one-half years prior to the inspection.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the photographs of respondent's practice taken on February 24, 2006, as well as the report of inspection on that date, it appears to the Board that respondent has failed to maintain his professional practice in a safe and sanitary condition. Many unsafe and unsanitary conditions which were present during the March 20, 2003 inspection existed at the time of the February 2006 inspection. These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) in that respondent has engaged in repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence by failing to keep adequate records of his autoclave testing and failing to maintain the emergency kit in the office with up to date medications. These facts also establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) in that respondent has engaged in professional misconduct by failing to maintain his office in a safe and sanitary condition.

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 22 DAY OF August, 2006 HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist practice and close the office premises located at 431 Kaighns Avenue, Camden, New Jersey no later than September 12, 2006 unless he can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board via an inspection to be performed by inspectors of the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs no later than September 8, 2006 that he has complied with the Center for Disease Control guidelines for sterilization and the disposal of medical waste and has addressed all of the issues delineated in paragraphs 2(a) through (o). If the office premises are closed, pursuant to this paragraph, they shall not be reopened for the practice of dentistry unless and until respondent has satisfied all of the above requirements, following respondent's request for inspection, on a minimum of one weeks notice to the Board in the manner specified in paragraph 3 below.
- 2. Specifically, respondent must demonstrate that the office and his practice conforms with the following requirements:
 - a) Respondent shall provide proof that he employs an office cleaning service which cleans the office and building on a regular basis, no less than once per week.

- b) Respondent shall maintain an ultra-sonic cleaner to treat all instruments with appropriate materials such as enzymatic solution.
- c) Respondent shall maintain an autoclave and demonstrate that it is subject to sterilization monitoring. All hand pieces and critical patient instruments must be bagged and autoclaved. Respondent shall contract with a sterilization monitoring service and shall maintain a log of when test strips are submitted and the test reports of the monitoring service.
- d) Respondent shall properly store all patient records and charts in order to maintain patient confidentiality and the integrity of radiographs.
- e) Respondent shall properly and timely dispose of all regulated medical waste including obtaining a medical waste registration number with the Department of Environmental Protection. Respondent shall maintain a contract with a proper medical waste disposal company and maintain all records pertaining to the disposal of medical waste including, but not limited to, medical waste tracking sheets.
- f) Respondent shall place all instruments in sterile containers, cassettes or bags, in order to prevent the open-air contamination of instruments.
- g) Non-heat stable items, such as plastic impression trays, that cannot be autoclaved shall be disposed of after single use.
- h) Respondent shall utilize appropriate barrier techniques in all treatment rooms.
- i) Respondent shall clean all surfaces that may have been in contact with blood born pathogens or saliva with Environmental Protection Agency registered intermediate level disinfectant with tuberculocidal claim.
- j) Respondent shall wear protective barriers for all services and treatment of patients.
- k) Respondent shall keep all food items separate from the sterilization and work areas of the office.
- Respondent shall rectify the situation concerning missing ceiling tiles, replace the existing ceiling tiles that are water stained, correct the situation concerning water stains on the walls and rectify the situation concerning exposed electrical wires.
- m) Respondent shall cause the removal of the dust and dirt film which is present throughout many areas of the office and hereafter maintain the office in a clean and sanitary manner.

- n) Respondent shall conceal pipes which are exposed in the floor and remove any dirty water present in the lavatory. Additionally, respondent shall ensure that the lavatory, as well as the sink in the laboratory, maintains adequate hot and cold running water.
- o) Respondent shall properly dispose of all expired medications. Additionally, respondent must insure that all medications maintained in the office are within date and arrange for proper disposal at the time of expiration.
- 3. Respondent shall, no later than September 5, 2006, request an inspection via telephone and facsimile, to Kevin B. Earle, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, telephone # (973) 504-6405, fax # (973) 273-8075, and fully cooperate with an inspection to be conducted by the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, no later than September 8, 2006.
- 4. Respondent shall hereafter maintain his office premises in conformance with paragraph 2 above.
- 5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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Herbert Dolinsky, D.D.S.

Board President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Hal J. Angeloff OM D

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